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DES NEWSLETTER

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Adjutant General

Dan Lieberg
Acting Administrator

Marc Racicot
Governor

Notes From the Administrator

I take this opportunity to thank the DES Coordinators and especially the DES Division staff for all the support I, personally, have received during my tenure as Acting Administrator of the DES Division. I appreciate the cooperation and openness expressed by everyone, including all the coordinators from Glacier County.

The Legislature and Governor's Conference were my two biggest concerns coming into this job. I found out that the Governor's Conference was not as big a worry as I had anticipated. I seemed to forget how much the DES staff pulls together when we need to accomplish a common goal. All I had to do was worry about myself, everything else was taken care of. We have a wealth of talent in this office and I am interested in sharing it with the state and the nation. The DES Coordinators were also very integral in making the conference successful because of the participation, overall support and humor. I was going to mention how much I enjoyed the DES Association Banquet, but there are two photographic negatives floating around which place me in compromising positions and are still unaccounted for. My comments concerning the DES Association banquet will be held hostage until the negatives are secured in my possession.

My second concern, the Legislature, remains a concern as of the date of this writing. If the Legislature were to go home today, our state budget would not have changed since the Governor's Conference; however, there are three days till the end of the session and who knows what will happen. Since this will be old news when you receive this newsletter, I will not comment further. My thanks to all of you who have educated and/or included your legislators in the DES program. I cannot tell you how much it helps all of us if they understand what we do.

I received some information on the proposed FEMA budget for Federal Fiscal Year 94 (FFY94) and it doesn't look encouraging for the next few years for our 100% federally funded programs, which includes Population Protection Planning (PPP), Radiological Maintenance Instrumentation and Calibration (RMIC), Radiological Defense Officer (RDO), Survival Crisis Management (SCM) and Exercise Training Officer (ETO). Here is how the proposed budget looks right now:

FFY94	FFY95	FFY96
75/25 soft match for PPP, RMIC, RDO and SCM. 100% federal funding for ETO	75/25 hard match for PPP, RMIC, RDO, SCM and ETO	50/50 hard match for PPP, RMIC, RDO, SCM and ETO

Hopefully, this will not be how the budget ends up once it goes through Congress. If the budget goes through like this proposal, it will be extremely difficult for us to come up with the State match in FFY95 because our Legislature is not scheduled to meet until January 1996. I will keep Paul Spengler posted on the FEMA budget as it unfolds.

Keep up the good work, keep talking and keep smiling. Don't forget to stop by if you get to Helena.

Dan Lieberg
Acting Administrator

THE PREZ SEZ

Thanks to the DES staff for laboring mightily to put on a successful Governor's Conference. Kudos are in order for Dan Lieberg, who represented emergency management well during a very hectic and stressful week; to NancyJo for facilitating the first ever FEMA Region VIII recovery exercise and to General John E. Prendergast for taking the time to attend our DES Association meeting and talk with us about the role of DES in the Department of Military Affairs.

A letter was sent to Rep. Pat Williams on behalf of the association requesting the return of the FEMA Surplus and Excess Property program. FEMA dropped the program because of the additional workload it caused. The letter emphasized the program's benefits to the counties, as well as the timeliness of the request during a possible reorganization of FEMA. You'll be kept posted on any developments, should they occur.

Thanks to all of you who contacted your legislators to support subdivision reform, which was signed into law by Governor Racicot on April 6th. After 20 years of fighting for a reasonable review of land before it is to be developed (from a 20 acre to a 160 acre limit), we can now be assured that counties will check all land splits under 160 acres to ensure that the interests of public safety are best served. We fought the good fight and won, which shows that even a once unpopular idea can prevail when its time has come. It also shows the power a coalition of diverse groups such as planners, health officials, law enforcement officers, fire fighters, environmentalists, county commissioners, agricultural interests and emergency managers can have when we undertake a difficult political task.

Our nominating committee should be formed by April 15. They will determine the roster of association officers for the elections one year from now. Committee members are: **District 1** - Dick Giffin, **District 2** - Irene Gottfried, **District 3** - To Be Appointed and **District 4** - Butch Renders. They have an important job to insure that the future of the association is in good hands with capable leadership, so give them your support and recommendations for a solid slate of candidates.

I have been invited by General Prendergast to meet with the FEMA regional office in Denver this summer to talk about the concerns of local coordinators. If there is anything I can do to further our cause in this session, please let me know.

In any case, it's important that I hear from you to help us keep our association strong and active. So keep those card and letters coming in. Have a pleasant spring, with enough rain to prevent forest fires, but not enough to cause floods.

Paul Spengler
DES Association President

I. M. A. CORNER

The current IMA roster, assignments and supervisors are:

IMA'S	ASSIGNMENT	SUPERVISOR
LTC Larry Zanto	State DES, Helena	Chris Christensen
LTC Red Wilson	Gallatin DES	Hank Wruck
MAJ Bill Rhoads	Butte/Silver Bow DES	Wilma Puich
MAJ Mark Marty	State DES, Helena	Chris Christensen
CSM Pat McKelvey	Lewis & Clark DES	Paul Spengler
MSGT Phil Russ	Missoula DES	Orin Olsgaard

Assignments, Promotions and Awards
A long-time IMA, LTC Brad Neal, has accepted reassignment as the USAF Liaison to the Adjutant General, MG John E. Prendergast. He had been assigned to FEMA, Region VIII, since 1983 and worked extensively with Butte/Silver Bow and State DES offices. His actual reassignment date was April 1st, but he will still be heavily involved with emergency planning in Montana because of his role with the State Area Headquarters.

CONGRATS!!!
A nomination for the Army Commendation Medal is in the works for newly promoted MAJ Mark Marty. He is being recognized for meritorious service to the program since his assignment in 1990.

MSGT Phil Russ was recently promoted to Master Sergeant. CSM Pat McKelvey will assume one of the paid IMA slots vacated because of retirements earlier this year.

EXERCISES
""OUTSTANDING"" All seven IMAs participated as either players or evaluators in the Governor's Conference exercise "Flashback 93". What an opportunity to compare experiences and share successes.

Bill Rhoads was involved in a fire training exercise in January for Butte/Silver Bow.

Phil Russ participated in a hazmat exercise at Stone Container in Missoula during March.

CHANGING THE GUARD
Major Bill Rhoads will be coordinating IMA information for future newsletters. Forward any topics of interest to Bill: IMA projects, schools attended, exercises your involved with and any "Hot Stuff" about changes in the IMA/FEMA program. Additionally, Bill will be assuming the IMA Administrator role that Brad Neal is leaving. IMAs should now forward all program questions, forms and concerns to Bill in Butte. You can reach him at 723-5421 extension 3496.

LTC Brad Neal

5-YEAR PLAN PROGRESS

The DES agency five-year plan is back on track and coming together. The entire process is comprised of ten steps; four of the steps have been completed: mandate identification, stakeholder analysis, mission statement and core value development. The agency is currently working on the assessment of external and internal environments. After the assessment is complete, issues and actions will be developed and prioritized. The final step will be development of the vision statement. It is anticipated the entire process will be completed by July 30, 1993.

Paul Spengler has been super about distributing and collecting information. Staff and local coordinators have submitted a wealth of good information to this point. The planning team committee (Dan Lieberg, Chris Christensen, Jim Anderson, Bill Thomas and Fred Cowie) has their work cut out for them. The products thus far have been excellent and it appears the plan will really be a great working document.

-Dan McGowan

HAZARD MITIGATION UPDATE

As reported in the last issue of this auspicious periodical, the Disaster Assistance Programs Office (DAP Outfit) has taken the first major step in developing a meaningful state hazard mitigation program. On the first of April, an eight hour course was conducted in Helena. In attendance were representatives from most state agencies which have a role in disaster recovery/ mitigation. The excellent course material was developed by EMI and taught by: Dan McGowan, Bob Musselman and Sherryl Zahn from FEMA Region VIII. Even if we had a Presidential level declaration today, our current level of preparation puts us far ahead of the game. Hazard mitigation post-disaster planning, required by the Stafford Act, will be far less troublesome.

The Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan involves submission of projects through DES Coordinators from their respective political subdivisions. To assist the Coordinators and District Representatives, we will conduct a Hazard Mitigation Planning course at the Fall Conference. As this workshop is not attended by all, it appears our goal will take us to the field; that is if the training guys can cough up the dough.

The trained Coordinators and District Representatives, with the assistance of their local counterparts, will be able to easily work up projects for submission to the SHMT. If you need assistance, the team may be able to bring subject experts to your location. The team may also be able to find some immediate funding for various projects. For those projects which cannot be funded pre-disaster, the team will prioritize the submissions and keep them on file. When a Presidential Disaster Declaration occurs, we will have a file of projects for consideration. More to follow next issue.

-Larry Akers

CAER

The Chemical Manufacturers Association, 2501 M Street, NW, Washington, DC, 20037 has a community program series using the acronym CAER and a program and newsletter entitled Responsible Care®. There are many different CAER programs, including TransCAER for rail communities and Kids' CAER for elementary schools (See article below). If you want to know more about these progressive programs, call CMA at 202-887-1100 and start receiving Responsible Care®.

"This comprehensive educational program, designed for teaching 2nd and 4th grade children about community emergencies, is now available for purchase. Kids' CAER introduces children to important safety concepts in a non-threatening, fun way. The program, which includes school and take-home activities, encourages parent and family involvement in each lesson. The sessions cover fires, winter weather, floods, tornadoes, chemical releases, earthquakes, and hurricanes. Member companies are encouraged to purchase copies of Kids' CAER and donate them to their local elementary schools."

-Fred Cowie

SERC NUMBER

I am often asked, "What is the official SERC phone number per the notification requirements under SARA Title III?". The Montana SERC has designated the DES 24-hour number, 406-444-6911, as the official notification number. **It is important to note, however, that any required written reports under SARA sent to the SERC be addressed to:**

Mr. Tom Ellerhoff
Montana DHES
Cogswell Building
1400 Broadway
Capitol Station
Helena, MT 59620

It's simple; notification of spills - call DES at 444-6911, send written documentation of spills and yearly reports to DHES, c/o Tom Ellerhoff.

-Fred Cowie

JOB WELL DONE!!!

A special thanks and "well done" to Dick Giffin, Lake County DES coordinator, who has conducted Hazmat Awareness level courses for responders in Granite, Powell and Lake counties.

-Bill Thomas

FALL TRAINING WORKSHOPS

This year's Fall Training Workshop will be in Helena August 31st, September 1st and 2nd. The training courses will last eight hours; the offerings are as follows:

Tuesday - August 31st (choose one)

- New Coordinators Orientation
- Continuity of Government

Wednesday - September 1st (choose one)

- Workshop to be determined
- Decision Making & Problem Solving

Thursday - September 2nd

- Local Hazard Mitigation Planning

Enrollment may be limited because of the recent reduction in Federal funding; please car-pool whenever possible.

-Chris Christensen

EXERCISE DESIGN COURSE

DATE CHANGE

The Exercise Design Course, G120, will be held May 18-20, 1993 at KwaTaqNuk Resort in Polson. It was originally scheduled for May 19-21, but we were unable to lock in those dates with the resort. Please make any necessary changes in your plans.

GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE EXERCISE STORY

Wednesday, February 25, 1993, the Colonial Inn of Helena housed some two-hundred people representing a wide variety of emergency management disciplines. Team members gathered for the 26th Annual Governor's Conference on Emergency Preparedness.

The opening remarks delivered by Dan Lieberg, Montana DES Acting Administrator, highlighted the excellent team effort and spirit that is evident in our ability to respond and recover from the effects of all hazards that permeate our state.

Linda Stoll-Anderson, Lewis & Clark County Commissioner, discussed her county's ability to deal with a hazardous materials rail incident that still has far reaching effects on her community. Their well exercised plan enabled them to save lives.

Lorren Ballard, Billings Fire Chief, presented the ICS/EOC Interface concept; when properly applied, it will provide the much needed link from the incident site to the resource management center (EOC).

Gallatin County Commissioner Jane Jelinski's "CEO'S Disaster Survival Kit" presentation was very well received and covered the roles and responsibilities of commissioners in reacting to emergencies and disasters.

Conference participants assembled for the eagerly awaited luncheon featuring Governor Marc Racicot. At the conclusion of Governor Racicot's speech, the participants returned to designated breakout rooms with their community officials to receive further information regarding a simulated hazardous materials incident which occurred four days earlier.

Six exercises ran concurrently, finished at 3:00 p.m. and were followed by a general session debriefing. All six exercises went very well with quite a bit of information sharing. State DES is very appreciative of the support and guidance enabling this exercise to happen.

-NancyJo Ilminen

FLOOD PROOFING

How do you minimize home and property damage if a flood strikes???

Thirdwave Communications, Inc. of Vancouver B.C. offers an educational flood-proofing video. This informative five-minute program combines actual flood footage with computer graphics and on-site visuals to clearly demonstrate proper prevention and response measures. The video is used in British Columbia to teach proper home flood proofing techniques and evacuation planning to Provincial Emergency Program members. They, in turn, use the video for presentations to residents, schools and city halls. The video covers the correct emergency procedures for dealing with: sandbag dyke construction, electrical shutdown, gas/oil furnaces, plumbing, pollutants, evacuation, water contamination and returning home.

The video is accompanied by an informative pamphlet and can be purchased for $75 from:

Thirdwave Communications, Inc.
2212 Ontario Street
Vancouver B.C.
Canada, V5T2X2

Tel: (604)-873-6677
Fax: (604)-872-2040.

EVACUATION AT ITS BEST

A recent survey of residents evacuated due to a chemical fire in a mid-sized industrial community revealed that all of those who had a police officer or civilian volunteer come to their doors said that they evacuated. People notified by other means were less likely to evacuate. The survey was conducted by Virginia Polytechnic Institute's Center for Environmental and Hazardous Materials Studies and was reported in Virginia Tech's newsletter, "Hazardous Materials Dialogue" (Vol. 3, No. 4, 1992).

-Bill Thomas

HAZMAT PREPAREDNESS

Butte/Silver Bow will host the Montana Firefighters Convention in Butte at the Copper King Motel, June 17-19, 1993. The highlight of the convention will be Saturday the 19th; Darryl Begnaud from Baton Rouge, LA will instruct a session on Hazmat Preparedness. Many of you will remember Darryl from a previous Governor's Conference in Billings when he presented his Hazmat program to the county commissioners. I encourage you to attend this program and recruit your local firefighters. It will be well worth your while.

-Wilma Puich

Earthquake Safety Train-the-Trainer

The Earthquake Safety Program Train the Trainer (T-T-T) Course, for schools, was held at EMI in Emmitsburg, Maryland, March 22-26th.

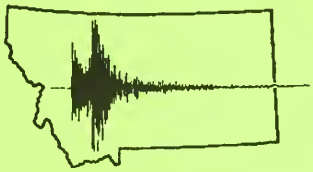
Six educators/emergency managers from Montana attended this offering and will be assisting in the field delivery of the course next year: Allen Bone and Rick Kravas from Butte, Paul Spengler, Tom Leonard, Jim McGrane and Pat Kukes from Helena.

The program is designed around FEMA publication 88, "Guidebook for Developing a School Safety Program" (January 1990). This excellent course covers topics such as hazard identification and mitigation, drills, immediate response and care, communications, sheltering, emotional responses, psychological needs and long-term recovery considerations. The entire course is aimed at assisting those with earthquake planning responsibilities; planning considerations are addressed at the end of each module.

The course will be offered again this year at EMI, July 12-16th.

Any interested educators, especially administrators, should contact Bob Musselman as soon as possible for assistance in the application process.

-Bob Musselman



4 Lifesaving Earthquake TIPS!!!

1. When the ground starts shaking, **STAY WHERE YOU ARE!**
2. If you are indoors, **STAY INSIDE**, take cover under sturdy furniture and stay away from windows.
3. If you are outdoors, **STAY OUTSIDE**, move away from buildings and watch out for overhead hazards such as power lines.
4. If you are driving, pull over to the side of the road and stop your vehicle; **STAY INSIDE YOUR CAR**, it offers your best protection. Keep driving only if you are on or under a bridge or overpass.

TREMOR TROOP REUNION

FEMA's Office of Earthquake Education is planning to fund an evaluation workshop to be held in Butte at Montana Tech in August of this year. Plans are to invite all former Tremor Troop T-T-T participants as well as earthquake program managers and educators from across the United States. Montana's work with the educational community in the highest hazard (zone 3) earthquake areas of the state is quickly becoming a model for the nation.

Workshops will evaluate the current curriculum; demonstrations of innovative modules will be conducted throughout the 3-day event. A field trip to the Madison Canyon, site of the August 1959 quake near Hebgen Lake, and the newly remodeled visitor's center is also planned. Field delivery of both the "Earthquakes - A Teacher's Package for K-6", better known as Tremor Troops, and the newly developed "Earthquake Safety Programs for Schools" courses will be held in Montana next year.

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